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§5–204.

- (a) (1) There is a Sustainable Forestry Council in the Department.
- (2) The purpose of the Council is to advise the Department on all matters related to:
  - (i) Sustainable forestry management in the State;
  - (ii) The expenditure of funds from the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives Fund under § 5–307 of this title;
  - (iii) Existing regulatory and statutory policies that are perceived as economic barriers to a viable forest products industry;
  - (iv) New markets to enhance forest health, including renewable energy development through biomass energy, to offset fossil fuel consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
  - (v) Creative strategies to help privately owned forest lands better compete with real estate market values that are driving forest conversion and fragmentation;
  - (vi) The means to promote forest-based economies and processing capability that contribute to economic and employment growth; and
  - (vii) Assigning a nutrient efficiency benefit to forest stewardship plans and other forest conservation management plans that can be measurably tracked and reported by the number of forested acres covered by the plans.
- (b) There is a Park Advisory Commission in the Department.
- (c) (1) The Sustainable Forestry Council shall have 9 members.
- (2) Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- (d) (1) The Park Advisory Commission shall have 12 members.

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